

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/US2004/020279

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 C12Q1/68 C07H21/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, Sequence Search, BIOSIS, EMBASE, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 01/75172 A (UNIV SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) 11 October 2001 (2001-10-11) claims 1-24; tables I-II -----	22,23
X	DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 23 October 1995 (1995-10-23), "H.sapiens CpG island DNA genomic MseI fragment, clone 97b5, forward read cpg97b5.ft1a." XP002312906 retrieved from EBI accession no. EM_HUM:HS97B5F Database accession no. HS97B5F the whole document ----- -/--	6

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A	<p>HERMAN J G ET AL: "INACTIVATION OF THE CDKN2/P16/MTS1 GENE IS FREQUENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH ABERRANT DNA METHYLATION IN ALL COMMON HUMAN CANCERS"          CANCER RESEARCH, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH, BALTIMORE, MD, US, vol. 55, no. 20, 15 October 1995 (1995-10-15), pages 4525-4530, XP001109420          ISSN: 0008-5472          abstract</p> <p>-----</p>	1-23
A	<p>TOYOTA M ET AL: "CpG island methylator phenotype in colorectal cancer"          PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF USA, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, WASHINGTON, US, vol. 96, July 1999 (1999-07), pages 8681-8686, XP002307651          ISSN: 0027-8424          abstract</p> <p>-----</p>	1-23
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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: 8-21, 23  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  

Although claims 8-21, 23 encompass a surgical step to be carried out on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out as if said step were not present
2.  Claims Nos.:  
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### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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4.  No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

#### Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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